



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 223 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 29, 2017, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 29, 2017, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 29, 2017, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 29, 2017, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2017 through April 29, 2017 for the United States were 3.06 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2017

State	Week ending					
	March 25, 2017	April 1, 2017	April 8, 2017	April 15, 2017	April 22, 2017	April 29, 2017
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,595	29,801	29,617	29,810	29,643	29,601
Arkansas	23,363	23,929	24,261	23,303	23,285	23,322
Delaware	4,887	4,839	4,872	4,861	4,887	4,980
Florida	1,163	1,180	1,210	1,223	1,223	1,223
Georgia	34,915	34,451	34,218	34,151	34,679	33,924
Kentucky	7,556	7,802	7,514	7,342	7,391	7,310
Louisiana	3,501	3,788	3,727	3,743	3,727	3,530
Maryland	8,256	8,224	8,215	8,245	8,241	8,248
Mississippi	17,776	17,891	18,031	17,822	18,003	18,154
Missouri	7,914	8,127	8,123	8,172	8,166	7,879
North Carolina	21,787	22,101	22,157	21,771	22,022	21,926
Oklahoma	7,449	7,440	7,295	7,353	7,307	7,535
Pennsylvania	4,703	4,627	4,850	4,888	4,662	4,698
South Carolina	5,219	5,575	5,639	5,637	5,727	5,676
Texas	15,874	15,818	15,783	15,612	15,972	15,939
Virginia	6,557	6,557	6,557	6,557	6,573	6,654
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,127	12,397	12,059	12,746	12,208	12,566
19 State total	212,642	214,547	214,128	213,236	213,716	213,165
Percent of previous year	103	103	103	103	102	103
Other States	9,069	8,898	8,712	9,252	9,278	9,442
United States	221,711	223,445	222,840	222,488	222,994	222,607
Percent of previous year	103	103	103	103	103	103

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2017

State	Week ending					
	March 25, 2017	April 1, 2017	April 8, 2017	April 15, 2017	April 22, 2017	April 29, 2017
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,174	21,610	21,877	21,594	22,427	21,696
Arkansas	23,114	22,871	23,540	21,834	22,587	22,373
Delaware	5,181	5,123	5,312	5,447	5,551	6,018
Florida	1,363	1,158	1,111	1,180	1,391	1,429
Georgia	26,904	27,769	27,715	27,658	26,422	27,217
Kentucky	5,714	5,895	5,879	6,194	6,166	6,118
Louisiana	3,246	3,277	3,329	3,028	3,320	3,267
Maryland	6,665	6,527	6,438	5,596	6,299	5,537
Mississippi	15,055	15,270	15,317	15,230	15,271	15,399
Missouri	6,370	6,365	5,105	6,378	5,336	5,647
North Carolina	16,303	16,828	15,956	16,871	17,200	17,433
Oklahoma	3,512	3,443	2,994	3,750	4,354	4,443
Pennsylvania	3,826	3,838	3,763	3,745	3,638	3,765
South Carolina	5,019	4,576	6,085	5,202	5,261	4,693
Texas	13,251	13,185	13,172	13,058	13,036	13,178
Virginia	5,610	5,727	5,671	5,971	5,596	5,573
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,302	11,001	10,857	10,505	10,619	10,919
19 State total	174,609	174,463	174,121	173,241	174,474	174,705
Percent of previous year	102	101	101	102	102	102
Other States	7,231	6,889	7,393	7,288	7,183	6,732
United States	181,840	181,352	181,514	180,529	181,657	181,437
Percent of previous year	102	101	101	102	102	102

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week’s data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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